



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: U.S. Patent Application of)	
KENNETH C. CRATER, et al.)	Examiner: VU, Viet Duy
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Application No. 09/436,368)	Conf. No.: 6513
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Filed: November 8, 1999)	Art Unit: 2154
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For: DISTRIBUTED INTERFACE)	Attorney Docket No.: SAA-CTC-2 (402P337)
ARCHITECTURE FOR)	
PROGRAMMABLE INDUSTRIAL)	
CONTROL SYSTEMS)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2005

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 10, 2005. A shortened statutory period of three months was set to expire on May 10, 2005. Applicants herewith file a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time setting the time to respond at June 10, 2005. Therefore, this Reply is considered timely. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

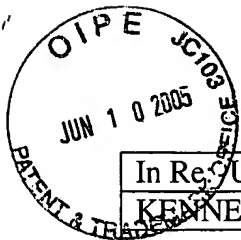
This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. Petition for One Month Extension of Time;
2. Response to Office Action Dated February 10, 2005;
3. Terminal Disclaimer;
4. Check in the amount of \$130.00 for the disclaimer fee; and,
5. Check in the amount of \$120.00 for the extension fee.

No additional claim fees are required, as shown below:

					Small Entity			Other Than Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	34	- 144	= 4		x \$ 25	-0-		x \$ 50	\$ -0-
Independent	9	- 18	= 1		x \$100	-0-		x \$ 200	-0-
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					x \$180	-0-		x \$ 360	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$-0-				

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 7, 2005.

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